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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application for patent, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each listed item is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2). No English language translations of the foreign language references are available.

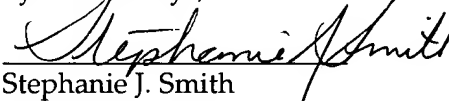
The Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's consideration of these items during examination of the application.

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The references cited herein were cited by the European Patent Office during prosecution of EP application 98103978.7-2305 which is related to the present application. A copy of the search report is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the date of the search report and therefore no fee is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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